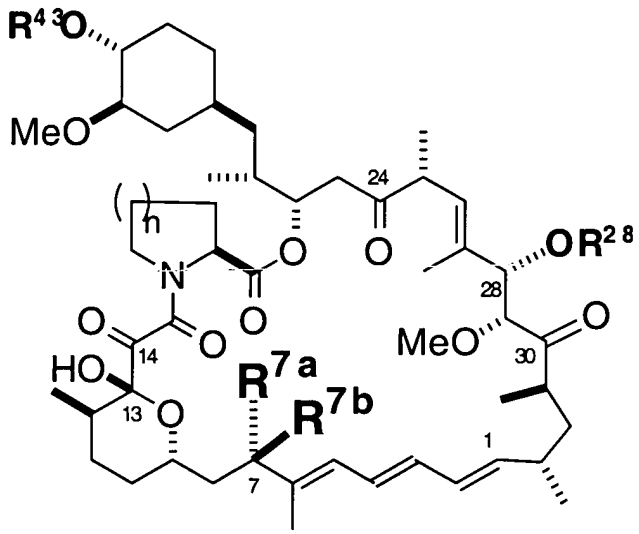
Amendments

Please amend claims 1 and 20 as follows:

1 (amended). A compound of the formula:

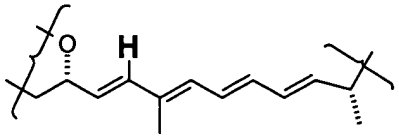


wherein

n is 1 or 2;

$\mathbf{R^{28}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{43}}$ are independently selected from the group consisting of H and a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic or acyl moiety;

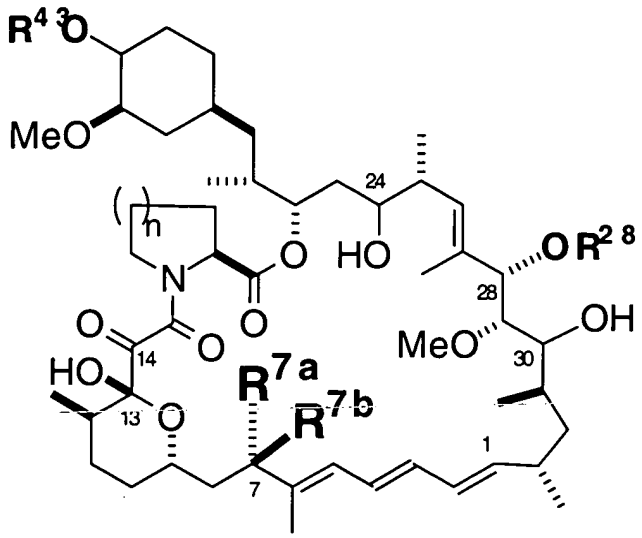
one of $\mathbf{R^{7a}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{7b}}$ is H and the other is halo, $-\mathbf{R^A}$, $-O\mathbf{R^A}$, $-SR^A$, $-OC(O)R^A$, $-OC(O)NR^AR^B$, $-NNR^AR^B$, $-NR^BC(O)R^A$, $-NR^BC(O)OR^A$, $-NR^BSO_2R^A$ or $-NR^BSO_2NR^AR^{B'}$; or $\mathbf{R^{7a}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{7b}}$, taken together, are H in the tetraene moiety:



where $\mathbf{R^A}$ is H or a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, heteroaliphatic, aryl, or heteroaryl moiety and where $\mathbf{R^B}$ is H, OH or a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, heteroaliphatic, aryl, or heteroaryl moiety; **r a**

[as a substantially pure stereoisomer or mixture of stereoisomers, and as an] pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

20 (amended). A compound of the formula:

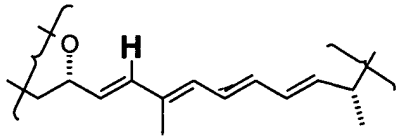


wherein

n is 1 or 2;

$\mathbf{R^{28}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{43}}$ are independently selected from the group consisting of H and a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic or acyl moiety;

one of $\mathbf{R^{7a}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{7b}}$ is H and the other is halo, $-\mathbf{R^A}$, $-O\mathbf{R^A}$, $-SR^A$, $-OC(O)R^A$, $-OC(O)NR^AR^B$, $-NNR^AR^B$, $-NR^BC(O)R^A$, $-NR^BC(O)OR^A$, $-NR^BSO_2R^A$ or $-NR^BSO_2NR^AR^{B'}$; or $\mathbf{R^{7a}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{7b}}$, taken together, are H in the tetraene moiety:



where $\mathbf{R^A}$ is H or a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, heteroaliphatic, aryl, or heteroaryl moiety and where $\mathbf{R^B}$ is H, OH or a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, heteroaliphatic, aryl, or heteroaryl moiety; **or a**

[as a substantially pure stereoisomer or mixture of stereoisomers, and as an] pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

Attached hereto is a clean copy of the claims as modified by the foregoing amendments. The attached pages are entitled "Clean Copy of Amended Claims 1 and 20."